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SUBJ: HIGH LEVEL PERSONNEL CHANGES IN ANGOLAN MILITARY

1. DEPUTY PAF COMMANDER BRIGADIER JOSE ANTONIO M. ROSA RODRIGUES DEPARTED LUANDA TODAY ON TWO WEEKS NOTICE TRANSFERRED TO FIRST AIR REGION METROPOLE. REPLACEMENT HAS REPORTEDLY ARRIVED BUT NAME AS YET UNKNOWN TO US.

2. SURPRISE ADDITIONAL HIGH LEVEL DEPARTING PASSENGER ON PAF'S BOEING 707 WAS DEPUTY COMMANDER OF MILITARY REGION OF ANGOLA, ANDRE DA FONSECA PINTO BESSA WHO RECENTLY WAS PROMOTED TO GENERAL AND WHO REPORTEDLY RECEIVED ORDERS TO RETURN TO METROPOLE TWO DAYS AGO.

3. COMMENT: BOTH OF THESE OFFICERS HAVE BEEN GOOD FRIENDS OF CONGEN AND PROFESSIONALLY USEFUL CONTACTS. PINTO BESSA IN PARTICULAR HAS MADE EXTRA EFFORT TO BE HELPFUL TO US AND PROFESSES VAST ADMIRATION FOR AMERICA DATING FROM HIS SERVICE AS ARMA. ALTHOUGH WE HAVE NO REASON TO SUSPECT ANY ULTERIOR MOTIVES FOR SUDDEN AND SIMULTANEOUS TRANSFERS THESE TWO SENIOR OFFICIALS, INEVITABLE QUESTIONS REGARDING THEIR PERFORMANCE HERE HAVE ALREADY STARTED. ROSA RODRIGUES' DEPARTURE WILL NOT IN ANY WAY AFFECT PAF ACTIVITIES HERE, BUT PINTO  
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BESSA WAS BRAINS OF ARMY OPERATIONS BEHIND INEFFECTUAL AND

WORN OUT FRONT MAN GENERAL RAFAEL ALVES.  
BRIGGS

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